

Remarks

Claims 1-15 are at issue. Claims 1-4 and 9-11 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang et al (US 6,452,433). Claims 5-8 and 12-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 requires a clock shaper and an access clock. The Examiner's response that the circuit of Chang could be used with a clock shaper to access a memory fails to satisfy the requirements of patent law. Under this standard why even bother to find Chang, it is possible that an electrical engineer could put the components described in the specification together in the way claimed. The standard under 35 USC 103 is that the combination of references must show each and every element (explicitly or inherently) and there must be a reason for combining the references. While, Chang does state that the circuit could be used with a memory, he does not suggest a clock shaper or an access clock. Until the Examiner finds a reference(s) that shows all the elements, the claim is clearly allowable.

Claims 2-4 are allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

Claim 9 requires shaping one of the plurality of clock lines and an access clock. The Examiner's response that the circuit of Chang could be used with a clock shaper to access a memory fails to satisfy the requirements of patent law. Under this standard why even bother to find Chang, it is possible that an electrical engineer could put the components described in the specification together in the way claimed. The standard under 35 USC 103 is that the combination of references must show each and every element (explicitly or inherently) and there must be a reason for combining the references. While, Chang does state that the circuit could be used with a memory, he does not suggest a clock shaper or an access clock. Until the Examiner finds a reference(s) that shows all the elements, the claim is clearly allowable. In addition, the claim requires a first, second and third of the plurality of clocks. This is not shown in Chang.

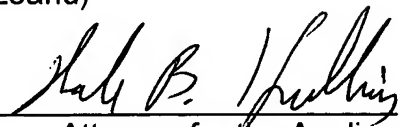
Claim 10 requires shaping an outside clock to form the external clock. This is clearly not shown in Chang. Claim 10 is allowable.

Claim 11 is allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

Prompt reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

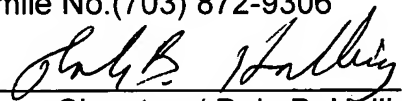
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